

Run Little Bird: An Ornithological Answer

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Cuckoos are many and cuckoos are varied
And cuculidae is their name
They live in the forest or country or desert
For not all cuckoos are the same
Some cuckoos fly, but then some prefer sprinting
You'll see just a blur of bright blue;
For I am the dustcloud you see in the distance
And I can run faster than you.

The fastest of cuckoos they call geococcyx
With long legs and thick bills, they say
You desert coyotes consider us tasty
But cuckoos are not easy prey
For nothing is swifter than my super genus
My long legs should give you the clue
For I am the cuckoo they call the road-runner,
And I can run faster than you.

I'm the bird on the road, I'm the hunger that taunts you
The chase you can't win, the obsession that haunts you
You'll never give up after all that you've gone through,
I'll say meep-meep, meep-meep, meep meep-meep meep zoom!
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I don't need to see all the schemes you're devising
I know that they always go wrong
I'll stand there and watch as you start improvising
But I won't be staying for long
We cuckoos are cunning, we cuckoos are clever
You think that you're smarter, it's true
But this fruitless chase will just go on forever
And I can run faster than you.

Jet packs, tar pits
Rail tracks, bomb kits
Does no good to rail or curse
When the trap you made's reversed
Fall once, fall twice
Fate loads the dice
Pay your backed-up Acme bills,
Don't you use the Earthquake Pills!

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